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Much loved Pastor was 'inspirational'



The Rev Gurwin
Marshallsea

THE Reverend Gurwin Marshallsea, who was well known in Barry for his kindness, the warmth of his personality, and his eloquent delivery of the Christian message, died last Thursday, September 27.

by TIM
CHAPMAN

One of Gurwin's close friends, Mike Holmes, told The GEM: "Gurwin was a people person - a gifted pastor who loved to inspire people."

Gurwin was born in Dowlais in 1946, and grew up in the Merthyr area. His first job was as an engineer's apprentice in the coal mines.

He later qualified as an engineer and moved from the mines into the steel industry.

He first met Denny, his wife-to-be, at a dance when he was 17, and they married three years later.

Denny came from Aberfan, and their wedding was the first in the village after the disaster of 1966, when 116 children were killed.

Gurwin was one of the

volunteers who helped search for survivors.

He became a committed Christian at an Evangelical mission when he was 22 and joined the Elim Church in Merthyr.

He served as the Sunday school superintendent, as a deacon and as a lay preacher.

At the age of 30, Gurwin felt God's call to become a church minister, and went to theological college in west Wales, after which he was ordained as Pastor of the Elim Church in Barry.

He served as a pastor in Barry for more than 30 years, most recently at Coastlands Family Church, which was established in Tennyson Road eight years ago.

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Bronwyn and Ellen honoured!



Bronwyn Wheatley and Ellen Mahenthiralingam, pictured with their parents, were honoured by The Rotary Club of Dinas Powys.
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Police renew appeal over car in collision with child

BARRY police are still appealing for witnesses, a week after a grey or silver estate type vehicle was in collision with a six-year-old girl on Winston Road.

The incident occurred last Thursday, September 27, at about 4.55pm and the car did not stop after the collision.

However, police believe that the driver may not be aware that a child was knocked over, and say they need to speak to the person urgently.

A police spokeswoman

explained: "It would appear that a grey or silver-coloured estate type vehicle was travelling along the road at a relatively slow speed, when it came into contact with a young child."

"Following the collision, the vehicle involved failed to stop and left the scene."

"The child was taken by Air Ambulance to the University Hospital of Wales."

"We are appealing for any witnesses who may have been in the vicinity of Winston Road, Barry at or around 4.55pm on that day."

"We would also like to speak to

the drivers of any grey or silver-coloured estate vehicles which may have been in the area at the relevant time.

"We would also like the assistance of the public in tracing any similar vehicles which may have sustained recent damage."

Fortunately, the child did not sustain life-threatening injuries, and is recovering.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the police on 101 quoting Incident number 654 of September 27, 2012; or Crime Stoppers FREE on 0800 555 111

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'Immigrants help support our ageing population'

DJ RADFORD (GEM letters, September 20) is wrong to suggest that Britain is a country with its priorities in the wrong order.

The letter refers to a Bulgarian family who were found sleeping rough outside Westminster Abbey and were sheltered in a council house.

This was not a short-cut to a life on benefits, however, but temporary accommodation as their claim for asylum was assessed.

The family were housed there to protect several children, who were reported to be sleeping rough amongst discarded nappies, and as an alternative to family detention centres which imprison children alongside their parents.

Even legal immigrants from Bulgaria are not protected by the benefits system until they have worked for 12 months.

They pay taxes and help to support our ageing population, often

returning home without making any requests of the state.

Immigration from outside the EU is only possible if there are vacancies British nationals cannot fill – and this has been essential in restoring institutions like the NHS to their former glories.

Your correspondent also mentions MPs' expenses.

The cost of allowances has risen this year, but only in comparison to 2010/2011, when the general election resulted in a long period where MPs were away from Westminster and did not make any claims.

It is quite right that the use of taxpayer money should be made more transparent, just as it is surely right that we protect children of any nationality from destitution or imprisonment.

These are British values and we can be proud of them.

Madeline Moon MP, Bridgend.

'A tradition we cannot afford'

I THINK Coun Robert Bertin has hit the nail on the head with his call to drop the pomp and circumstance of the expense of having a mayor in the Vale.

I also feel that they should dispense with the town mayor.

They serve no useful purpose whatsoever, except to satisfy the out-of-date people who call it 'tradition'.

Well, it is a tradition we can ill afford! There are council workers having pay cuts and we will even lose their jobs because our council bleats on about being strapped for cash.

These so-called mayors are jointly costing the taxpayer upwards of £200k per annum, which is a pointless waste of our money.

The council also

spends countless thousands of pounds on consultancy fees to unknown bodies for advice they can get for free just by talking to the people of our town.

I know many people will disagree with what I am saying, purely and simply because they are not seated in the workplace and watching the distress the pay cuts/job losses are affecting genuinely hard working council workers.

We are in the middle of an economic downturn, and still these council bosses see no harm in wasting millions each year on, for want of a better word, nonsense.

It's time these people woke up and spent some time in the real world, instead of the utopia they think they have created.

Barrie V Evans, Barry Island.

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

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'FACT: MOTORISTS ARE SUBSIDISED BY THE STATE..!'

WITH reference to the recent GEM letter headed 'The perils of Port Road behind slow cyclist,' I would like to point out that cyclists are not obliged to ride on cycle paths where provided.

This is fortunate because even the best British bike paths, which are few and far between, are still below international standards of best practice, particularly the Dutch principle of 'sustainable safety'.

If the cycle path is so wonderful, why would a cyclist choose to suffer potholes and heavy traffic?

The writer jokingly wishes that motorists had "car paths" available. In fact, they do have an extremely expensive network of roads built exclusively for their use – motorways.

On the point of road tax, cyclists do not pay it, but neither do motorists. Roads are paid for through general taxation, so cyclists contribute in other ways – such as income tax, VAT and council tax.

This is not just arguing over semantics. Road tax was abolished in 1937 because, as Winston Churchill said: "It will be only a step from this for them to claim in a few years the moral ownership of the roads their contributions have created."

Even if cyclists were subject to vehicle excise duty, since it is based on exhaust emissions, they would pay zero.

Nevertheless, you might say that motorists pay certain taxes that cyclists do not, so maybe a sense of entitlement is justified?

A recent report by the Institute for Public Policy Research states that, while motorists contributed around £32 billion in VED and fuel duty in 2010,

'DON'T BLAME THE CYCLIST!'

I WAS appalled to read the letter submitted by Darren Weaver in last week's GEM.

By his own admission the road surface was in an appalling state, so what does he expect the cyclist to do?

He makes no reference to whether or not the cyclist was old or young.

Why shouldn't the cyclist be on the road? He has as much right, if not more, than Mr Weaver to use it.

I cannot accept that the driver was travelling at seven mph, or that

the cyclist was weaving from the gutter to the middle of the road.

At that speed the driver would have stalled!

Perhaps he should direct his frustration at the local authority and not the cyclist.

Why he didn't overtake does not bear scrutiny.

All he had to do was give one beep of his horn and that would have alerted the cyclist to the fact he wanted to pass.

Nigel Daniel, Cowbridge.

'CYCLISTS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS'

FOLLOWING on from a letter in The GEM from Darren Weaver of Barry, I would like to correct a popular misunderstanding.

The so called 'road tax' is actually a vehicle

excise duty and the funds derived are NOT earmarked for road upkeep and repair...

The following is fully referenced from Wikipedia: "In a BBC report on Look East in May 2010, about a cyclist who was knocked off his bike by a car, the presenter read out a

series of emails from viewers expressing the view that 'cyclists should pay road tax' if they wish to use the roads.

"After receiving a 'huge number' of complaints from viewers following publicity created by iPayRoadTax, the BBC broadcast a second piece which clarified the

fact that roads are paid for out of general taxation".

Conclusion: We all pay for the roads through general taxation, therefore cyclists have as much right on the road as VED-paying vehicles.

Ben Cobbett, Barry.

'Cycle path is an obstacle course'

A GEM letter writer asked why a cyclist was using the road and not the cycle path at Port Road?

I myself am a keen cyclist and very rarely use the obstacle course that is called a cycle path. When this path was first being planned, I wrote to the highways department to explain how a Continental cycle path works – they are certainly more flowing than the horrible monstrosity we have ended up with.

Between the roundabout at the junction of Port Road and the Docks link road in Barry, a cyclist has to dismount to cross the road six times minimum before arriving at the boys' comprehensive school.

This is stupid: a cyclist has more restricted visibility than a motorist, and all the road junctions should give cyclists right of way, as happens everywhere on the Continent.

The cycle path across the Waterfront is even worse: a cyclist cannot turn his/her head enough to see traffic behind when they approach all the roundabouts and

junctions on the road: they have to stop and look behind.

Do people realise that every time a cyclist stops and dismounts, he/she is at risk of overbalancing and falling? This is a known fact.

I ride considerable distances on a push bike on the Continent, where even the roundabouts have a cycle path around them – the motorist has to give way to cyclists.

I assume councillors visit our twin town in France, on social and fact-finding missions. They should observe how roads are laid out.

So yes, I also ride around the potholes and rough parts of the highway, just to have continuity and ease of flow when cycling.

I find Continental drivers are far more respectful of cyclists, so maybe these missions should include the planners.

Andrew Wright, Barry.

Share your views with the Vale!

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Costly planning appeal defeats could be avoided

IN a recent letter to The GEM (September 6), Coun Fred Johnson as chair of the planning committee said he wanted to give his members training to avoid decisions against officers, such as those the council has lost on appeal.

But is his target right, considering the two recent examples?

When the waste wood incinerator on Barry Dock ('Sunrise' renewables) rejected by the planning committee, went to inquiry, the Vale Council officers' case covered only sirens on reversing lorries, vibration damage to buildings on the Cardiff Road in Cadoston (no actual evidence) and aspirations for clean development of the dock (no evidence, just a possible planning application).

They said nothing on the tremendous noise from the incinerator plant itself, nothing on the fumes which could take parts of Barry over the NOx limit, nothing about the ultrafine dust reaching local homes, nothing about the fire hazards of stored wood chips; and nothing about the disposal of thousands of tonnes of toxic ash, covered in the Friends of the Earth case.

No wonder the inspector judged the council case was not serious, and made it pay the £100,000 inquiry and appellant's costs.

For the recent appeal on drilling for fracking at Llandow, the Vale officers mentioned pol-

lution of local water sources, but couldn't provide details of the sources. The inquiry considered noise at the nearest home. FoE proposed non-disturbing night-time levels in accord with WHO guidance, but the Vale officers accepted much higher quarrying noise levels.

Nor did they support FoE's argument for environmental impact assessment of the whole fracking operation, despite the Welsh Minister advising a "precautionary approach" and "additional environmental considerations."

Again, the officers had no defence against a costs order because their case was so poor.

At neither inquiry did the Vale officers argue that the high level of public concern is a legitimate planning objection.

This compares with the rejection of a wood-incinerator like the Sunrise one in Trafford, Manchester, when the council argued "genuine and significant public concern" plus harm to regeneration of the area (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-15670265>).

Surely Coun Johnson needs to arrange training for the planning officers, as well as councillors? This should include how to write reports that give evidence on the range of planning issues, allowing the councillors to exercise judgement in balancing them; and giving evidence in support of the councillors when going to public inquiry.

Max Wallis, Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth

Dreaming of new tenants?

REGARDING the development of the Vale Magistrates' Court building (The GEM, August 16) where is Newydd going to find anyone to occupy the shops?

Lots of shops are unoccupied on Holton Road already. To me, they are dreaming! **Alex Campbell, Barry.**

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	09.20	9.3	21.38	9.2
05 Fri	09.49	9.1	22.09	8.8
06 Sat	10.22	8.7	22.41	8.3
07 Sun	10.59	8.2	23.19	7.8
08 Mon	11.48	7.7		
09 Tues	00.26	7.4	12.58	7.3
10 Wed	01.53	7.2	14.35	7.4
11 Thur	03.33	7.5	15.49	7.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Family and friends prepare to remember Barry's former executive officer... Thanksgiving service for Derek is in Chard



The former Executive Officer of Barry Town Council, Derek Wolfe and his wife Lynette.

Rotary's award

THE Rotary Club of Barry is delighted to announce that it has received a bronze award in recognition of donating 25 shelter boxes as part of its campaign to support disaster relief work.

The Shelter Box Charity is a Rotary project partner whose patron is the Duchess of Cornwall. Club president John Shapland said that the award was most unexpected and he was immensely proud that the club had been chosen to receive such recognition for its support.

He also acknowledged the generous support of the public to the Rotary Club of Barry.

Further details on the Shelter Box Charity can be found at: www.shelterbox.org, and further details on Rotary can be obtained from: www.rotary.org, or by contacting Peter Battle on 01446 710204.

A service of thanksgiving for Derek Wolfe, the former executive officer of Barry Town Council, will be held at 12 noon on Friday, October 12.

It is to be held at the Methodist Church, Lyme Road, Axminster, Devon (EX13 5AZ).

Derek died quite unexpectedly, at the age of 58, on September 24.

Lynette, Derek's wife, told THE GEM: "I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful comments I have received. All the touching messages do offer some comfort."

"I only wish that Derek could read them all as he would be so very touched and humbled."

Following his period of service in Barry, Derek was appointed Marlborough's town clerk, and Lynette said the response in the Wiltshire town had been heart-warming.

"The councillors and many friends he has made there have been amazing."

"The flag at the town

hall has been flying at half mast and I have been told the town council held a minute's silence for him and also again at the Marlborough area board meeting.

"I have also been contacted by the coordinator for the community market who said there will be a minute's silence at their Harvest Festival market in the high street on October 7."

Following the church service, a reception will be held at The Lordleaze Hotel, Henderson Drive, Forton Road, Chard, Somerset (TA20 2HW).

Lynette would be happy to see as many people who can possibly make it to the thanksgiving service, but would be grateful if people would contact her so she has an idea of numbers. She can be emailed at: lynnettew@btopen-world.com.

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Royal Balti hits right note with range of high quality dishes from Asia

IN the last 20 years there has been an explosion in the choice of world dishes people can sample in restaurants in the Vale and Cardiff.

People may have enjoyed their Sunday roast, but they also became more adventurous, enjoying something exotic, with a different texture and taste.

But the pace of modern day life and the appeal of home deliveries has meant the demand for high quality meals to the door has increased.

Step in the Royal Balti in Vere Street which has developed an excellent local reputation in Asian dishes.

On the evening that I sampled their menu, it had been a busy day and the prospect of cooking at home was unappealing.

My wife selected the jaipuri tikka as a main course at £6.25. The dish comprises pieces of chicken breast grilled in a clay oven and cooked with fried mushrooms, fried onions and fried capsicums. It came with fresh spices in a thick sauce.



ABOVE: The Royal Balti, Vere Street, Barry.

My wife thought the chicken was moist and tender, and the thick creamy sauce struck the right note with its spiciness. It was neither too hot, nor too mild.

I selected the king prawn korma at £7.50 because I'm not a huge fan of hot dishes. It contained lots of large juicy prawns in a wonderful thick, mild and creamy sauce with overtones of coconut. This made it very mild and sweet.

We also shared a shakoti gosht dish at £5.95. This was a hotter dish than I'm used to and is lamb cooked in a coconut and almond sauce.

The lamb was succulent, and for those that like a kick in the tastebuds it hit the spot.

We had a selection of side dishes to complement the meal, my wife's favourite being the peshwari pulao at £2.70 – it's a pulao rice cooked with grated coconut.

I like spinach so I plumped for the palak bhaji spinach at £2.25.

The servings were more than generous, and would have been enough for three people. There was also a fantastic array of main and side dishes available.

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Cadoxton House is now a local support centre with ground-breaking video link

CADOXTON HOUSE – once a decaying derelict building – is to serve the people of Barry once again.

The building started life as an imposing Victorian home which was built for a well-to-do local doctor.

Later, it passed into public ownership, and over the years fulfilled a number of roles – that of a sixth form block for St Cadoc's Roman Catholic Secondary School, an arts centre and a play group.

Eventually, it was closed, became vandalised and suffered arson attacks. On a number of occasions nearby residents had to contact the Fire Brigade to extinguish fires that had been lit in the building.

Cadoxton House has now emerged from its undistinguished recent history thanks to a £1.3 million Welsh Government-financed renovation.

The new centre will help victims of domestic and alcohol abuse, their children, families and partners, in a project developed by the Vale Council and Safer Vale Partnership.

Last week, it was officially opened by the local government minister, Carl Sargeant, who said: "I am delighted that the Welsh Government has been able to provide £1.3 million through the substance misuse and domestic abuse budgets for the renovation of this building."

"This demonstrates my commitment, even in these difficult economic times, to ensure victims are supported here in the Vale of Glamorgan and across Wales."

The agencies providing services at the centre include Victim Support, Pen-yr-Enfys, Atal-yr-Fro and Hafan Cymru.

The centre also houses a video link which can be used by witnesses in



ABOVE: On the balcony at Cadoxton House: Kay Quinn, Atal y Fro; Carl Sargeant AM, Minister for Local Government and Communities; Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House; Mandy Wilmot, Victim Support; Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council; Amy Powell, Families First; and Benedicte Lepine, Pen-yr-Enfys.

criminal trials.

Luigi Strinati, head of crime for HM Courts and Tribunals Service Wales said: "Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates' Court has been able since July to link up to the community support centre in Barry via a live video link to deal with criminal trial cases."

"This is the first facility of its kind in England and Wales, providing prosecution and defence

witnesses with an opportunity to give their evidence in a modern comfortable witness suite, in a safe and secure environment, away from the court."

The video link is also being used by other courts across south Wales.

Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Neil Moore, who is also one of the ward councillors for Cadoc where Cadoxton

House is situated, said it was an ideal location for local organisations.

"This new centre sits at the centre of our community and provides the perfect base for professionals to work together, to tackle these and other important issues affecting local people, using a much more joined-up approach than in the past."

TIM CHAPMAN

Cash injection modernises Welsh Blood Service fleet

BLOOD donations in the Vale and Bridgend are set to become easier and more frequent after Health Minister Lesley Griffiths AM agreed more than £900,000 of funding for new vehicles to renovate the Welsh Blood Service's (WBS) fleet.

In total, the WBS will see two new six-bed mobile blood collection clinic trailers, one equipment vehicle, two support vehicles and four large delivery vans join their existing fleet.

These will help to modernise the WBS collection services, as well as improve the current

clinical system, meaning that more blood can be collected more often across the Vale and Bridgend, as well as south and west Wales.

WBS deputy director, Alan Prosser, welcomed the news, telling The GEM: "Some of the old vehicles are 13-years-old now, so this is exactly what we need."

"Now, 25 per cent of all our blood taken is in the mobile blood units, so we can go in to the Vale and Bridgend, set up, and there will be less manual handling. Thousands of people come forward, and these vehicles are a real life saver for us."

"We are introducing a new process to speed up the whole blood donor

experience, and the new vehicles will be configured to this."

"We can also go in to large organisations and set up at their place of work and take donors during work time. We will now be able to come in to the area, and more often. They are a fantastic tool for the WBS."

"The people of Bridgend and the Vale are great supporters of the WBS, so thank you!"

Lesley Griffiths AM said: "With an ageing population, we need the services of the Welsh Blood Service more than ever."

"This investment will enable them to provide flexible, accessible blood donation units and get out into even more of our communities to encourage more donors to come forward."

"I hope people see these units and are encouraged to give blood. One in three people in Wales will need blood in their lifetime, but only one in 30 will ever give blood. Giving blood saves lives, and hopefully this investment will enable the Welsh Blood Service to reach more potential donors."

The WBS are looking for even more sites, such as supermarkets, for their public collections, as well as more businesses to work with on work-based collections.

To set up a collection appointment, call the WBS, free, on 0800 252266.

Leigh Gruffydd Sanders

Barry man caught selling stolen goods

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A POLICE officer chased a man he had spotted trying to sell stolen property at a jewellers shop in Barry.

Peter Nettlehip, 39, was jailed for two years and four months at Cardiff Crown Court. He pleaded guilty to two charges of handling stolen goods.

Prosecutor John Warren said that Nettlehip, of Osprey Court, Barry, had handled property stolen during burglaries in Merthyr Street and Brook Street, Barry.

Among the items were headphones, five watches plus a Royal Marine watch, which was of great sentimental value.

He said that a police officer had been in the jewellers in Holton Road, and spotted Nettlehip leaving after trying to sell a watch.

He was chased and arrested, and in a nearby garden, police found five stolen watches.

Nettlehip, the court heard, had convictions

viable. The property was not stolen to order.

"He had been offered the items by someone in the local criminal fraternity, and he accepted them. He was not responsible for the burglaries."

for 100 offences, 42 of which were for theft.

His solicitor, Derek Gooden, said at the time he was on licence from prison.

"His record is unen-



Local nursery children enjoy garden time!

THE nursery children at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School love gardening and looking after the school pond.

They are lucky enough to have their own version of TV's Mr Bloom to help with the hard work and he paid a recent visit to help the children tidy up the garden and clean out and re-stock the pond.

They went on a creature hunt and discovered a huge frog, and they also searched for their 'lost baby dinosaur' who was hiding in the garden.

The children had a wonderful time and were delighted with the results of their efforts and, as it was his birthday, the children had



made their 'Mr Bloom' a tasty birthday cake.

Their teacher, Mrs Boffy, thanked him for all his hard work and hoped that he would come again soon. NM

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IN BRIEF
THE first meeting of the winter season of the Dinas Powys Local History Society will take place on Tuesday, October 9 at Kynance Hall.

The AGM at 6.30pm will be followed by a talk by Eileen Youngusband on 'Filter Room' (Bletchley Park) at 7.30pm.

An administration fee of £2 for non-members and £1.50 for members will be charged to cover costs. All welcome. Enquiries to Roy Gee on 02920 515636 or Betty Williams on 02920 513524.

Coffee morning
A COFFEE morning in aid of Dinas Powys Scout Hall extension fund will be held at 10am-12 noon, in the Lee Hall on Saturday, October 6.

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WENVOE DEVELOPER'S 150-HOMES PROPOSAL... Redrow 'keen to answer any concerns'

REDROW SOUTH WALES said the reason they put forward a planning proposal for 150 houses at Wenvoe was because the Vale Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) identified the land as suitable for a development.

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

tryside faced "imminent destruction".

But Stuart Rowlands, the managing director of Redrow South Wales, said that the developer was keen to respond to the concerns of residents.

He explained: "The application is in outline and is for up to 150 houses.

Wenvoe villagers told The GEM last week that they had sought a meeting with Vale MP, Alun Cairns, because of their fears that the local council

identified the land as suitable for residential development.

"We are aware that there is opposition in the village, but to date no-one has approached us directly with their concerns or comments."

Mr Rowlands explained: "We have also asked for copies of any local residents' objections so that we can respond appropriately."

"However, we have been told they are confidential and that we cannot have access to them."

"As a result, while we are aware of the general opposition to the application, we are unaware, to date, of the exact nature of the concerns being raised."

"With regards to matters such as transport and environment, we have submitted our studies, findings and mitigation proposals as part of the application."

Mr Rowlands said Redrow would now be working with council officers to agree a way forward.

Last week, Alun Cairns MP urged residents who had concerns to put any objections to the Vale Council's planning department by October 10.



CLAIRE CURTIS.

means that a total of £844 has been raised for Cancer Research UK in Margaret's memory.

"I would like to thank my colleagues, friends, family and fellow councillors who sponsored me to help raise this great amount."

Claire added: "Barclays has been kind to match the funds I raised of £422, which

Cancer charity's boost from a strawberry tea



CAROLYN COLLARD of Barry and 50 local ladies recently raised £767.44 at their annual strawberry tea. The amount – for breast cancer care – is being match funded by Barclays Bank.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FEEDBACK COULD IMPROVE VALE LINKS

by **LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS**

A regional AM is hoping to use public written consultation over transport links in Wales to improve the services currently available to Vale residents.

The Assembly's Enterprise and Business Committee will look at bus, rail and transport services

COUNCILLORS' ADVICE
DYFAN Labour councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell hold a drop-in advice surgery for residents of Dyfan ward, Barry, on Saturday, October 6 at the Colcot Community Centre from 11am-12pm. No appointment is necessary. **HARVEST SERVICE**

THIS Sunday (October 7) Saint David's Methodist Church, Winston Road, Barry will be holding its annual harvest service at 9.45 am – all ages welcome.

Non-perishable food donations welcome, as these will be used to support the Vale Foodbank. The service will also include Holy Communion.

Contact Rev Peter Taylor on 01446 406262, or at: revpete@live.co.uk.

across Wales to gain public perception on how well integrated the transport network of Wales is, and what can be done to improve it.

The study will look in to the overall experience of travelling on public transport in Wales from planning the route to booking tickets and the journey itself, particularly changing from buses to trains and how easy it is to travel between stations.

Eluned Parrott, AM for South Wales Central, told The GEM:

"I want to ensure that bus users in the Vale get a fair deal and that services are protected following the Welsh Labour Government's decision to cut the Bus Operators Grant."

"I also want to work with Cardiff Airport to attract more routes, business and people into the area. I feel the airport is currently a political football and the playing of the First Minister."

This includes the bus link from Rhosce to the airport being

maintained and advertised more so that passengers using the airport are aware of an easy existing way to get to/from the airport. The link is helpful in attracting passengers to Cardiff who might otherwise use Bristol or Gatwick as their default airport for leisure or business trips.

She continued: "I would like to see smart ticketing introduced for paying bus passengers in the Vale, as currently happens in Cardiff and Newport – the technology exists as it's currently used for over 60s bus passes."

"I also want to see more joined-up thinking and working when it comes to timetables, so that buses and trains meet."

She added that she was not currently aware of any threat to services in the Vale, but hopes that the cut in funding won't mean a cut in services as it

has elsewhere in Wales. The public written consultation period closes on Friday, November 2, when the committee will look at the submitted opinions and decide which areas in particular need addressing.

They may then contact passenger focus groups, community groups, businesses and local residents in order to gain a better picture of how public transport is running in each area based on individuals' experiences.

Nick Ramsay AM, committee chair, said: "An integrated public transport service is a key factor in a successful economy and in

sustaining our communities. We want to hear from travellers as part of this inquiry, it will build a complete picture of how the network operates and where improvements can be made."

"We also want to hear of innovative approaches to fill any gaps in the system or enhance and integrate the network still further."

Anyone wishing to submit evidence as part of the inquiry can email: enterprise-committee@wales.gov.uk, or write to: Clerk to the Enterprise and Business Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1NA.

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ABOVE: The Mayor of Barry, Councillor Les Sword together with councillors and staff of the town council.

BARRY Town Council recently held a Cemetery open day, an annual event for members of the public to view cemetery registers and find family members interred in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

For more information on open days contact Mrs Norman on 01446 704920.

'Store is already a major inconvenience'

FURTHER to your report in The GEM (September 27) regarding the Sainsbury convenience store in Barry.

It has only been open for a week, but already it is clear that customers are regularly breaching the traffic management rules laid down by the planners.

As part of their attempt to minimise the traffic chaos in the area, the planners made it a requirement that all traffic leaving the site must turn left and use the traffic island at the junction of Park Crescent and Pontypridd Road.

I have already observed customers taking a chance turning right when leaving despite road markings to the contrary at the exit.

Also, the special wagons promised by Sainsbury are being used but they are unable to use the yard as planned, because customers' cars are already parked when they arrive - and the lorry has to park along the length of the car park, blocking at least six spaces and causing congestion in the road from customers unable to access the car park.

All of these problems could have easily been foreseen, and were, by anyone with knowledge of the area, and the provision of this store has proved a major inconvenience as was forecast by many objectors.

But then again, what can we expect from a planning department that didn't even factor in the enormous increased volume of traffic that will be using this area when the next phase of the docks housing development takes place?

We know that congestion on Park Crescent will be eased as Sainsbury gradually drives the smaller businesses out, but will this compensate for the additional traffic?

While this store might be good for Sainsbury, it is already proving a real problem for the regular users of the area.

David Kennett, Barry.

School receives excellence award for literacy



Mrs Di Tomaso at the Catch Up conference in Cardiff, receiving Oak Field school's awards.

RECENTLY, assistant headteacher at Oak Field School, Barry, Mrs Di Tomaso, and Mrs Jones attended a Catch Up conference and awards ceremony held at the University of Wales, Cardiff.

The school is very proud to announce that they were awarded the Catch Up Literacy Bronze Excellence Award. The award was presented to them by Education Minister Leighton Andrews.

This award is given in recognition of the successful implementa-

tion of the Catch Up Literacy intervention, helping struggling learners with reading.

It recognises and celebrates the positive impact the intervention has had on the pupils and the excellent progress they have made.

Julie Lawes, director of Catch Up, said: "We are extremely impressed by your school's successful implementation of Catch Up Literacy. This has resulted in a considerable impact on pupil reading abilities which for many will be life-changing!"

Sarah Di Tomaso

Youth leaders visit Dinas Powys Rotary

RIGHT: Bronwyn and Ellen with club president Ged Crosby

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powys sponsor young candidates between the ages of 16 and 18 to attend a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) course each year at Dol-y-Gaer Outdoor Education Centre.

This year, the club were pleased to support Bronwyn Wheatley and Ellen Mahenthiralingam both of Dinas Powys, who attend St Cyres School in Penarth.

The course teaches candidates about leadership, team work and self reliance and was held between Sunday, August 5 to Friday, August 10.

Bronwyn and Ellen came along to the Rotary meeting at the golf club on Thursday, September 20 to receive their certificates from club president Ged Crosby, and they gave an excellent comprehensive illustrated report of the wide range of activities in which they tackled on the course.

For more information on the RYLA Youth Leadership course email colin-jones16@sky.com



Famous faces at Dr Bob's!



As you can see from the display, Dr Bob's Balloons is celebrating its 16th birthday this Saturday, October 6, and Bob and his staff are putting on a number of special offers and promotions. As an added surprise for the children, Mickey and Minnie will also be making an appearance between 11.30am and 3pm

NEWS FROM BARRY CAMERA CLUB

Guests travel from the depths to the sky

FOLLOWING their summer break, Barry Camera Club got off to a good start on in September when the vice chair, Barbra Archdale Smith, opened the first club night and welcomed a number of new faces.

The first guest speaker of the season was Martyn Farr, who not only was a caving expert but also an expert photographer.

As you can imagine, this type of photography can be extremely challenging. All the same, Martyn displayed some fantastic underground images which demonstrated the cold, dark and wet environment and the tough terrain with extremely narrow gaps through which he has to crawl. Martyn gave a very interesting running commentary throughout the evening.

From the depths below us to the skies above, as Ed Cloutman was welcomed by the

chair, Alan Preece, to the second club night. Ed is an expert sky photographer and displayed some stunning images of the stars.

The members of the club were amazed at the detail, colour and explosive content of Ed's images. A fantastic evening was had by all.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry.

New members are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information visit www.barrycameraclub.org.uk FC

Coffee morning for Macmillan held in Romilly's



ROMILLY'S cafe would like to thank everyone who attended their coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care which raised an amazing £180. Thank you very much!

Rotary anniversary concert

THE concert will be in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, on Thursday, October 18.

Doors will open at 7.30pm and there will be full bar facilities. Tickets are available from Kevin Fowler 07850 607300 or 02920 515017.

Sully Harvest service

SULLY Christian Fellowship will be holding its Harvest thanksgiving service at 11am on Sunday, October 7 at the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully.

Sully School Choir will be taking part and there will be a puppet show for all the children. The guest speaker is Mr Matt Emerton and all are welcome.

Harvest gifts of tinned and dried goods will be donated to the Vale Food Bank which provides packages to individuals and families in crisis.

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There were six children in total giving a helping hand, while being well supervised by their parents.

Jane Hutt AM was part of the group – a real encouragement. The weather was great and all those who took part had fun.

We had a really good time together and by the time we'd finished, we'd collected 40 bags of rubbish.

The area looked a lot better when the group had finished and the council had taken away all the bigger items and bags.

Helen Cocks, organiser

AM's surgery

ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, October 5, where she will be at Morrisons Supermarket, Penny Way, Barry, CF63 4BA, between 1pm and 2pm.

Residents who have any issues of concern to them or their local community are encouraged to pop along – no appointment is necessary.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE!



ABOVE (LEFT to RIGHT): Ken Young, Liz Stokes, Derek Morgan and Andrew Vicari.



The branch has recently received the Media Award Rose Bowl.

Photos by HEATHER MARCH

INTERNATIONALLY-RENEWED Welsh artist Andrew Vicari was the latest speaker at the literary lunch of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union.

He was delighted to find that among the guests were Liz Stokes, whom he knew in Llanecarfan long before he achieved world-wide prominence, and Ken Young, who had been in the same form at Neath Grammar School, now living in Penarth.

Andrew pursued the theme that art has become an absurd concept and no longer has substance, and was particularly critical of such items as unmade beds and pickled sharks.

Speaking at the AGM before lunch, branch chairman Derek Morgan thanked members for their enthusiastic support, which has resulted in the south Wales Branch becoming the second

largest after London.

The branch had also won the Media Award Rose Bowl, with regular photos in The GEM being of special note.

The next event is the Christmas party on December 6 at Howell's School, Llandaff, with carols from the senior school choir, greetings from Roy Noble, and a festive supper.

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Local MP's accusation of 'broken' election promise is disputed by the Vale Coalition

A POLITICAL row has broken out after the Vale Conservative MP, Alun Cairns, accused Labour of reneging on a campaign promise to "scrap the Local Development Plan" (LDP).

However, Coun Lis Burnett, the Vale Council cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation, responded by saying that a new and amended LDP would soon be unveiled and that therefore, the previous one had, in effect, been scrapped.

On April 26, just before the May council elections, Labour took a full page advertisement in The GEM, which included the statement "Labour will Scrap the LDP and consult to produce a sustainable alternative".

Alun Cairns told The GEM that he always regarded this as electioneering. He went looking for a 'smoking gun' by asking the Welsh Assembly, via a Freedom of Information (FoI) request, for details of discussions concerning the Vale LDP between the Vale Council and Assembly officers.

He now insists that the document he received, dated August 6, showed that Labour never intended to scrap the LDP, pointing to the fact that it included this phrase, written by Assembly officers taking minutes of the meeting: *There was no desire to start the LDP process again, rather the issue was refinement*

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

of the current plan. Elsewhere in the document, it says: *It would appear that the new administration has specific issues regarding certain aspects of the plan, linked to pledges made during the recent elections. There appears to be a desire to make changes to the plan. While not wholesale, the issue is whether the 'Focused Changes' stage in the plan preparation can accommodate such changes.*

Mr Cairns claimed: "The revelation of this document shows that Labour's promise before the local elections was completely hollow."

"It has tarnished their credibility – something that will be difficult to recover from."

He continued: "I received hundreds of complaints about the LDP and this will have been significant to the way people voted in the elections."

"I have no doubt that many traditional supporters of all parties will have voted Labour on the basis of their promise."

"Residents across the Vale, from Barry, to Wick and Rhosce to Ystradowen will feel cheated and let down."

"This was the central plank of Labour's local election campaign. It is difficult to believe, after all they said, that they have told the Welsh Government that they only want to make 'focused changes' and that they are happy with broad proposals."

Coun Lis Burnett countered by saying that there had been discussions involving council officers and their Assembly counterparts between the election in May and August 6. These discussions had established, she said, that certain parts of the LDP were so advanced that changes could not be made.

She said: "There are areas where planning permission for housing, for instance, has already been granted."

Coun Burnett said Barry Waterfront was a prime example of this, and that going back to square one was not possible.

She explained: "However, we are in the final stages now, and will be bringing a new LDP to the scrutiny committee in November."

She said that the process underpinning the previous LDP had been examined and had been found to be flawed, and the new version would address these. She said: "The previous administration had allo-

cated a consultation period of only six weeks, the language used was inaccessible to the public, and the process for residents to make their comments was also inaccessible.

"When the new LDP is released for consultation, that consultation will take place over a much longer period."

"Personally, I will go anywhere in the Vale to talk to people about it when the plan is presented."

Alun Cairns did have some sympathy for the current administration – as well as the previous Conservative one – saying that the root of the problem lay with the number of new dwellings demanded by the Welsh Government.

He said: "The Welsh Government's insistence on the LDP was so strong, I knew that it was going to be difficult to reduce their housing target."

"In fairness to the former council administration, they were merely acting on direction from the Welsh Government."

"They paid a heavy political price on the opportunistic actions of the Labour Party, which have now been proven to be untrue."

There is, at least, general agreement on the number of new houses that must be included in the plan. Labour members have said that too many have to be allocated, particularly in the eastern Vale.

This view is shared by Plaid Cymru. Coun Chris Franks said recently: "Across Wales, communities are horrified by unrealistic housing targets and a lack of investment in public transport, schools and roads."

"We know that 2,000 houses have already been approved in Barry, but no one believes that the infrastructure can cope with another 8,000 houses and the associated traffic."

One thing is clear, however, and that is that the Conservatives are determined to make the charge of reneging on that campaign promise a big issue.

Only last week, at a meeting of the full council,

Coun Rhodri Traherne asked Coun Lis Burnett the following question: "In your discussions with the Welsh Government, could you confirm whether or not you have discussed scrapping the LDP?"

In response, Coun Burnett replied, "Yes, we have discussed scrapping the LDP with the Welsh Government".

In the end, it could all come down to the definition of the word 'scrapping'.

Resurfacing work at Port Road, Barry

WITH reference to Darren Weaver's letter in last week's GEM, I can confirm that the condition of Port Road is something that the Vale Council is aware of.

The housing developer responsible for the new Golwg Y Coed development on Pencoeedre Lane, off Port Road, will be undertaking a schedule of resurfacing works each evening from 6pm-11:30pm from Monday, October 15 to Friday, October 19.

I should point out that all resurfacing works are, of course, subject to change due to weather conditions; however, this is the schedule which is currently in place.

As part of the scheduled works, Port Road will be resurfaced for approximately 280

metres at the junction with Pencoeedre Lane, in addition to the section of the lane leading to the new housing development.

Improvement works had been delayed while ongoing issues with public utilities to the housing development were resolved.

This aspect is now complete, and so resurfacing works can commence on the dates detailed above.

Once the new road surface has been laid, the road height will increase in order to match the new kerbs at the crossing points on this stretch of the road.

This will make the cycleway easily negotiable for cyclists in the future.

Ken Evans
(Senior Highway Maintenance Engineer)

Remembrance Sunday meeting

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S annual Remembrance Day Service will take place on Sunday, November 11, at the Town Square Cenotaph at 11 am.

The assembly point for the parade will be the rugby club car park at 10.15 am.

A briefing meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 9 at 7.30pm and all interested parties are invited to attend.

Any organisation intending to lay a wreath can collect the relevant order form from the Town Hall.

Coffee morning

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, is hosting a coffee morning in the Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, October 9 from 10.30am-12 noon.

All proceeds will go to the Cadoxton WI, in aid of Ty Hapus.

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Is the Welsh Government doing enough to support our local businesses?

A SURVEY of small per cent of business to medium business owners believe that owners in the Vale, the Welsh Government is doing of the Leader of the enough to support Welsh Conservatives, small to medium sized has revealed just 6.9 enterprises in Wales.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A total of 119 local businesses responded to the survey.

The Conservatives claimed almost 9 in 10 (87.1 per cent) said that more could be done by the Welsh Government to stimulate growth in the economy.

The Conservatives also claimed that 20 per cent of local businesses surveyed had been offered support by the Welsh Government, with more than a quarter of those who had (27 per cent) feeling that the experience was poor or

very poor. They say respondents felt the process of applying for business support was complicated by excessive red tape and bureaucracy.

Mr Davies said: "These alarming findings will concern a First Minister whose government already have a reputation for lethargy."

"Vale businesses are being let down by a lack of support from the Welsh Government, and by a system of support that is too complicated and overwhelmed by red tape and regulation."

Businesses were asked to describe their experiences applying to the Welsh Government for support, with 11.2 per cent of respondents having done so. A total of 61.6 per cent of those were happy with the support they were eventually offered, but many felt that the process was too complicated and time-consuming.

Several respondents complained of having to employ consultants to help with application forms, while one Penarth-based business complained that civil servants were doing "everything possible to tie you

up in red tape".

The survey also asked local businesses to outline what action they would like to see from the Welsh Government to stimulate growth in the local economy.

Of the 119 businesses who had responded by early September, 33 called for better access to grants and financial support; 21 wanted reduced red tape; 19 cited extending business rate relief as a top priority; and 16 called for better communication of existing packages of support.

Mr Davies said: "This feedback clearly demonstrates that the Welsh Government has the levers at its disposal to support businesses in the Vale through these difficult economic times, and underlines how important community engagement of this kind is."

"The Welsh Conservatives remain committed to abolishing business rates for all small businesses, slashing red tape, and to ensuring that Wales becomes a business friendly nation."

• The GEM contacted the Welsh Government which chose not to respond to the survey.

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It will commence on April 2 next year.

Vueling started operations from Cardiff earlier this year with direct flights to Barcelona, Palma and Alicante, operated by Airbus A320 aircraft for the summer season.

"We have been delighted with the success of our Cardiff routes," Vueling CEO Alex Cruz said.

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Jackson's Bay gets a crucial clean-up



Volunteers recording the rubbish collected.

A TEAM of local Marine Conservation Society (MCS) volunteers and Soroptimists has collected rubbish weighing 4kg from Jackson's Bay – as part of the charity's Beachwatch project.

The five volunteers collected and recorded the rubbish along a 100-metre stretch of beach. The data will help MCS identify the main sources of litter and keep the issue of the dangers of marine litter high on the local agenda.

The beach litter survey recorded

hundreds of mainly small items, with the top items found on the day identified as small plastic pieces, polystyrene pellets and cotton bud sticks.

A spokesperson for Barry Soroptimists said the beach cleans are vital: "Beach litter isn't just unsightly, it can also be very dangerous to both humans and wildlife."

"Soroptimists are working with the MCS towards ensuring local communities and the government work together to try and stop littering at source."

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Chapel joins World's Biggest Coffee Morning



ABOVE: Sarah Dean, Dawn Lonney, Coun Val Hartrey, chair of Dinas Powys Community Council, Laura Prior with Tyron, Sarah May with Lewis.

LOCAL mums Laura Prior and Sarah May organised a special coffee morning in support of Macmillan

Cancer Support recently, held at Bethesda Chapel, Dinas Powys. Billed as the 'World's Biggest

Coffee Morning', it was the charity's largest fundraising event.

Last year, more than 51,000 people signed up to host a coffee morning, raising a record £10 million.

This year, the charity aimed to break this record to help change the lives of people affected by cancer.

A special guest was Coun Val Hartrey, chair of Dinas Powys Community Council. She was delighted to support this very worthwhile event and congratulated the organisers for their work.

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HOLTON Primary School recently celebrated the inauguration of 14 children into its peer support group.

A school spokesman said: "This initiative builds on a willingness of children to help one another. It develops and uses interpersonal skills within safe boundaries and enables them to gain valuable life skills."

"The school looks forward to working with these dedicated children to provide all our pupils with a supportive and caring learning environment."

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Holton Primary School's peer support group.

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A DIAMOND REWARD FOR A DIAMOND LADY!

Volunteer's two decades of service to elderly

A 72-YEAR-OLD Vale woman has been chosen from 4,500 applicants from all across the UK to receive a diamond champion pin and certificate which has been specially commissioned and organised by the Woman's Royal Voluntary Service – of special significance being the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

Mrs Irene Gannon (René to all who know her) was nominated for this amazing award earlier this summer.

For the last 20 years, Irene has been volunteering in every aspect for the elderly, which has almost become a full time job, and has

become a passion in her life from which she – despite her family's pleas to take it easy – will never slow down or stop.

Some 60 regional applicants from all over Wales have been chosen to attend the award ceremony in Cardiff City Hall on October 15. At this ceremony, 10 names will be announced to attend a further ceremony at St James' Palace later in the year in the presence of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall.

Rene said: "This pin is not only for me, but for all the volunteers who work with me."

"I am thrilled and delighted to have been chosen and I shall wear this pin with pride for the rest of my life."

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Irene Gannon is being rewarded for her many years as a volunteer in helping the elderly.

MP ADDS HIS SUPPORT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

VALE MP, Alun Cairns is urging local residents to support the Samaritan's Purse campaign to help deliver their 100 millionth gift-filled shoebox during this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign.

Samaritan's Purse is calling on all churches, schools, workplaces, families and individuals in Vale to help achieve this remarkable milestone.

Over the past 22 years, Samaritan's Purse has delivered 94 million shoeboxes to needy children in more than 100 countries. To lift this total to 100 million and

beyond, UK staff and volunteers have embarked upon a nationwide drive to find and encourage even more people to help bring joy to children around the world this Christmas.

Mr Cairns said: "The Operation Christmas Child campaign has proved hugely successful to date, and makes a real difference to the lives of so many children worldwide."

"I'm sure that once again, residents and schoolchildren across the Vale will help contribute gift-filled shoeboxes to vulnerable children in Belarus, Kosovo, Romania and Serbia."

The Vale of Glamorgan area coordinator

for Operation Christmas Child, Ted Bird, said: "Last year, we received shoeboxes from supporters in a wide range of communities, including Barry, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Llantwit Major and Rhosneigr and more than 3,600 shoeboxes were distributed to vulnerable children in Belarus, Kosovo, Romania and Serbia."

"It's wonderful to think that we are a small part of such a large global project that is doing so much good for millions of children."

Readers can visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk for instructions on how to complete a shoebox in time for the November 18 deadline.

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



The Ramblers take a photo break on their Vale walk.

Stroll through Vale history

AFTER all the recent rainfall, the 12 walkers who joined Val W at the Downs were pleasantly surprised by the lovely bright autumn morning as

they crossed the A48 footbridge and walked to Old Coedardhydyglyn. The first natural burial ground within the Vale is located there, with stunning views across the Bristol Channel and across Cardiff to Castell Coch.

The meadows were wet as they journeyed past Haelfaes and Homri and through meadows that contained a beautiful herd of Welsh Black cattle, their calves, and a tired looking bull.

Under blue skies and warm sunshine the group reached what had been built as the Glyn Cory Garden Village. Now called Wyndham Park, on the outskirts of Peterson-super-Ely and enjoyed the autumnal colours of the horse chestnut trees on the main avenue.

After morning coffee,

the group traced their route before they continued along the road to Chapel Lane and a short climb by road and sunken lane led to the Cottrell Park golf course. The original Cottrell estate passed to the Button family when Sir Thomas Button, who was a naval explorer famous for charting the north-west American coast and the Hudson Straits married Barbara the daughter of Rice Meyrick.

Much later, the estate passed into the Tyler family, many members of which had renowned naval and army backgrounds. Having reached St Nicholas, the group crossed the A48 again and entered fields which led them to the burial cairn at Tinkinswood, where they enjoyed lunch bathed in warm sunshine.

Having crossed the River

Waycock, grassy meadows to the rear of Dyffryn House and Gardens led them to the road and the mile-long tramp to St Lythans. Then they headed north again across several fields and a track to Lodge House Farm from where there were good views of Wenvoe. After crossing one more field, the group reached the Downs where they followed paths through the tall ferns back to their start point.

On October 7, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile moderate walk at Tintern; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

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Dinas Rotarians boost charities

ON Friday, September 21, the Dinas Powys Rotary Club was delighted to hold its annual charity golf day at St Andrews Golf Club, where owner and Rotarian John Edmunds was once again the excellent host.

Organised and arranged by Rotarian Dennis O'Shea, there were more than 14 teams who enjoyed a dry day throughout and the winning team was captained by Rotarian Aeron Hawkins.

The day raised considerable money for local and national charities.

The club would like to thank Rotarians Dennis and John and other volunteers for the terrific efforts.

The night before, the club were pleased to welcome as their guest speaker Julie Smith, general manager of Rookwood Hospital, a rehabilitation hospital in

Llandaff.

It is the site of one of only 12 spinal rehab units in the whole of the United Kingdom. It is also a regional neuro-rehabilitation hospital as well as housing a geriatric day hospital, a geriatric intermediate care facility and a geriatric medicine rehabilitation ward.

Julie gave a presentation based on injuries and diseases concerning the brain and the effects of emotions, personal behaviour and moods, and how brain injuries can affect social and working life.

Club members were interested to hear the changes that can affect personal and family life and the vote of thanks was given by David Phillips.

To learn more about Rotary or how to join the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys, contact secretary David Williams on: davidandkath28@yahoo.co.uk, or call: 02920 513998.

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Mother walks free after appeal court verdict

A MOTHER jailed after her children complained to social services that she had smacked them, has been freed after a judge said her actions were no worse than those of "many loving and caring parents throughout the land."

The Vale mother had carried out "excessive chastisement" on four occasions on two of her sons over the space of seven years, London

Criminal Appeal Court heard.

The woman was sentenced to 18 months by Judge David Wynn Morgan at Cardiff Crown Court on July 16, after pleading guilty to four counts of cruelty to a person under 16.

Appeal judges, Lord Justice Elias, Mr Justice Coulson and Mrs Justice Thirlwall, ordered she be freed.

Her barrister, Ruth Smith, told the court she was arrested after one son made a false allegation to social services that she had attacked him and caused him

bruising. The child later admitted that was a lie he had told to get more contact with his estranged father.

During investigations, however, it came to light that she had slapped her son in the face during an argument in 2010, had banged two of her sons' heads together for fighting, and had also slapped two of her sons in 2003.

Lord Justice Elias said: "An offender must be sentenced only for what she has been found guilty of."

"We think that the premise of the sentence imposed by the judge was incorrect."

"If he had focused on the particular incidents, only one of which caused physical injury, while the others may be seen as chastisement going beyond its bounds, a sentence of 18 months was too long."

"We think the judge took his eye off the ball."

He concluded: "We think the right thing to do now would be to give her a sentence of five months imprisonment, that would secure her immediate release."

£75 fines for fouling

THE XFOR Company, tasked by the Vale Council to help tackle dog fouling and littering, issued 42 fines during the week beginning September 24.

It is part of a zero tolerance approach to environmental crimes, where offenders are issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75 without warning.

Councillor's call to dispense with role of mayor

A BARRY town councillor has called for the role of Barry Town Mayor to be scrapped, and is suggesting that there should be a public vote on the issue.

Coun Robert Bertin, who represents the Barry Court ward on the town council, is calling for the role to be abolished in a bid to save money.

However, he also argued that the Barry Labour party has kept the post for itself, and denied long-serving councillors from opposition parties the chance to serve as mayor.

He said that thousands of pounds could be

saved, but this was disputed in a statement issued by Barry Town Council, which said that a town mayor did not get paid, receiving an allowance for travel, entertainment and clothing.

Coun Bertin is now seeking a public petition calling for a referendum, so members of the public can have a vote.

Coun Bertin said: "I think it is time that the public have their say on this matter. After all, there is also a Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan so why do we need another?"

He added that if he obtained the signatures needed, he intended to present the petition to a full council meeting.

CCTV arrests

NINE people were arrested in the Vale last week, thanks to information provided by the Vale Council's CCTV monitoring team.

Police were contacted by CCTV operators a total of 35 times during the week ending September 30.

Vale Council house improvement plan is up and running

HUNDREDS of council tenants across the Vale have started to see significant improvement to their homes, as part of the Vale Council's housing improvement programme.

Contractors started work in September on the first six month phase of a four-and-a-half year improvement programme.

The implementation of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard will see new kitchens, bathrooms, rewiring and heating systems installed.

Four external contractors: Lovell Partnerships Ltd, Ian Williams Ltd, Apollo Property Services Ltd, SMK Building and Maintenance Ltd and the council's own Building Services Department have been appointed to deliver the programme to 4,000 council properties across the Vale.

Coun Bronwen Brooks, cabinet member for housing, said: "It is fantastic to see this long-awaited investment in our homes finally becoming a reality."

"This is the biggest investment in council homes in a generation, and will transform the quality of life for thousands of people."

Miles Punter, director

for visible services and housing, added: "This is good news for all council tenants. Tenants have been waiting for a number of years for these improvements and the programme is now underway."

After the first six-month phase of improvements, approximately £16 million will be spent each year until April 2017.

There will also be additional funding for environmental improvements during the programme.

Gerry Amos, chair of

the Tenants' Quality and Design Forum, whose group will monitor the performance of contractors, said: "The work completed by contractors to date has been very good and, as a tenants' group, we are pleased to see works starting."

"Tenants will see some disruption during the works, but the properties will benefit from a range of improvements and upgrades."

"I am sure tenants will be very pleased with the works that are completed."

Owls talk is a hoot with the Friends

FRIENDS and Neighbours held their September meeting at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall recently, while their normal venue, Age Concern Senior Health Shop, was being refurbished.

Ann Bird of Owls 4 U gave an informative and very entertaining talk, as well as bringing owls for the members to see.

The group were amazed to see them and enjoyed listening to Ann's stories and some of the members held the

owls. The members then enjoyed tea/coffee and cake.

The group is looking forward to the next meeting back at the Age Concern Senior Health Shop in October, when members will have their annual fish and chip lunch, as well as a talk by David Alexander on the 'True Story of the King of Siam'.

The group has flourished and has some 40-plus members and a waiting list.

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Out and About with The GEM

Vale AM's surgery

VALE of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery this Saturday, October 6 at Barry CAB office, 1119 Broad Street from 10am-12 noon. No appointment.

Weddings and flowers

'A WEDDING in the family' is the title of the demonstration to be given by Mr Adrian Cooke of Pembroke to members of the Barry Floral Society at their next meeting, to be held at the St Nicholas Hall, Barry, on Tuesday, October 9, commencing at 2.15pm.

New members are always welcome.

Coffee morning

CADOXTON WI are holding a coffee morning at the Corporate Suite, Civic offices, Barry on Tuesday October 9 from

10.30am-12 noon in aid of Ty Hapus.

There will be stalls and a raffle. Entrance is £1.50. Contact 01446 404891 for more information.

Digital art

ON October 11, Cowbridge Art Society members Gerry Thurston and Mike Davies will give demonstrations on the creation of digital art using iPad and laptop computers.

The society for artists of all abilities meet at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, on Thursday evenings (7pm-9pm)/

For full programme, see www.cowbridgeart-society.com.

Crystal clear

CADOXTON Christian Spiritualist Church is holding a workshop on the introduction to crystals and gemstones with Robert Light, on October 13 at 10am.

Admission £15.

Back to the '60s

FOLLOWING their successful concert of songs from the musicals of the 1950s in June, CAOS are now turning their attention to the 1960s for their annual autumn concert on October 12 at Llantwit Major Town Hall, October 13 at Cowbridge Town Hall, and October 14 at Highlight Park Community Hall in Barry (7.30pm).

Directed by a new young musical team, Sara Ghazi-Torbati and Ben Davies, it features songs from classic stage and screen musicals.

Tickets from 01446 773169 or society members.

Jumble sale

THERE will be a jumble sale at Ysgol Maes Dyfan School on Friday, October 19 at 1.45pm-3pm. All proceeds will go to the school. Admission 20p.

Comedy and live music for

ST ANDREWS Major Primary School PTA is presenting, for one night only, a comedy and live music night on Friday, October 19 at Dinas Powys Rugby Club.

The comedy line up is Liam Schewitz, Jordan Brookes, Matt Rees, Leroy Brito and Mathew Heard.

Live music is from

Calum Ross and the Scarlets.

A night not to be missed! The doors are open at 8pm and there's a raffle with cash prizes of £100, £50 and £25.

Tickets £10 from St Andrews Major Primary School office.

Comedy and music night

ST ANDREWS Major Primary School is organising a comedy and live music night on Friday, October 19 at 8pm in Dinas Powys Rugby Club.

Tickets are available from the school.

Band concert

TICKETS for RAF St Athan Voluntary Band's 74th annual concert go on sale this week.

The star-studded celebratory event takes place in Llantwit Major Comprehensive School on Saturday, October 20 at 7.30pm and will feature the band, the Dowlais Male Voice Choir and special guest Stan Stennett.

Tickets £7 (£5 concessions), available from Chris Davies Estate Agents, East Street, Llantwit Major, or telephone 01446 798527 to reserve for collection on the door.

See the band's website rafstathanvoluntaryband.co.uk for further details.

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Vale artists put on Cardiff exhibition



Jane Hutt AM with artists Eileen Allen, Susan Roberts and Gwyn Price.

FOUR members of the Vale of Glamorgan Artists, (VOGA) Gwyn Price, Eve Hart, Susan Roberts and Eileen Allen are exhibiting at the latest VOGA exhibition which is in Cardiff at the Oriel Canfas Gallery in Glamorgan Street near the Chapter Arts Centre.

With the theme 'Seeing the Unseen' the exhibition enables artists to express this in many different ways. Vale AM Jane Hutt, who opened the exhibition described as "inspirational and intriguing".

She said: "The exhibition is open until October 20, so head for the Oriel Canfas, Canton, and see the Vale Artists promoting their excellent work in our capital city."

Guided tours return to Cosmeston village

COSMESTON Medieval Village near Penarth is again offering guided tours to the public.

They were cancelled earlier this year due to budget cuts, but a reorganisation of staff responsibilities means that they are available again from early October.

Tours will be available at the following fees: £3.50 adult guided tour (weekends only); £12 family (two adults and two children, weekends only); £3.50 adult audio tour 10am-4pm daily; £3 concession price for both; schools by arrangement; pre-booked parties (10 persons or over), daily; concessions £3, adults £3.50.

Coun Gwyn John, Vale Council cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sports development, said: "Entry to the village is free of charge to the public if they just want to look around, but many visitors who want more from their visit can take up the option of an audio tour."

"These are suitable for all the family and are offered in Welsh and English, as well as French and German for our foreign visitors."

"The village has continued to offer pre-booked guided tours to schools and

interested clubs; these have been very successful with more and more bookings being taken throughout the year.

"Now, due to public demand, tours by costumed guides are reintroduced on weekends from early October. Initially, there will be two tours at 12 noon and 1.30pm; this will increase during school and public holidays."

Tracey Alexander, of the Cosmeston Medieval Village Trust, who have been looking to work with the Vale Council to help develop

the village, told The GEM that this was a step in the right direction.

She said: "We're delighted with the decision as this is one of the fundamental ideas we've had. We need to progress to the next stages of developing the village for the future."

"We are very, very pleased, and this contributes to the partnership we are trying to develop."

For enquiries, call: 029 20701678 or visit: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D742.

● **£2,000:** 363754.
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822281, 175022, 103317, 656904, 810404, 792354, 211343, 868536, 346646, 742820, 552728, 765295, 342076, 235133, 757084, 216021, 469015, 253536, 725294, 353820, 586418, 728511, 837006, 741833, 339165, 719662, 543997, 375644, 710155, 696808, 685834, 815337, 786086, 383497, 655834, 746540, 705609, 235423, 597316, 589790, 710620, 672842, 568424, 778799.

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Looper strikes a blow for original, intelligent cinema

FROM his small-screen beginnings as Tommy in *Third Rock From The Sun*, Joseph Gordon Levitt has turned into quite the movie actor.

Gripping, independent fare such as *Mysterious Skin* has balanced out with quirky romantic comedy in *(500) Days Of Summer*, and even big budget blockbusters like *The Dark Knight Rises*, Levitt standing out in terms of his quality and dependability.

He re-teams with his *Brick* director Rian Johnson in *Looper*, where he plays Joe, a 'looper' who is employed to kill people sent back through time on behalf of the mob. However, when he is asked to kill his older self (played by Bruce Willis), it sets in motion a chain of events that threatens to change the future...

I'm doing the plot of *Looper* a disservice with the above synopsis, having pared down a dense and intricately constructed story into its most basic parts.

Fundamentally, it's a time-travel film with notions of fate and life, but penned and directed

by Rian Johnson, it becomes something even more satisfying and enjoyable – a film that manages to balance spectacle and story with a good dose of intelligence and, in a sea of adaptations and sequels, stands out with its individuality.

Johnson's previous forays on the big screen include the quirky *The Brothers Bloom* and the clever high-school-set noir of *Brick*, but while *Looper* has little in common with these films, tonally the hallmarks of Johnson are all over it.

The dialogue is sharply written, the plotting watertight. The complexities of time travel are well negotiated by Johnson, who manages to avoid nearly all the pitfalls that come with the genre and makes the story feel satisfying and engaging while never spoon feeding the viewer.

Visually, Johnson makes the step up seamlessly, giving the future a realistic, gritty sheen but throwing in little elements that evoke the sense of the future, while the dark, gloomy world looks beautiful yet dangerous. Johnson also handles the more spectacular scenes stylishly, giving another dimension to match the



by **GARETH JAMIESON**
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heavy narrative – Johnson really is on top form here.

Casting actors of the quality of Joseph Gordon Levitt and Bruce Willis certainly does the film no harm, the pair bringing out different facets of the same character while maintaining the integrity.

Levitt, wearing prosthetics that make him look closer to a younger Willis, captures the headstrong callow youth of Joe, whose life holds no importance beyond a fleeting affair with a stripper, his job and a low-level drug dependency. Willis manages to take on board Levitt's turn and add the sadness of opportunities missed and wrong decisions

made, coupled with an opportunity to change things for the better.

Both actors are on fine form here and deliver strong performances that sit well, while in supporting turns, the likes of Emily Blunt, Jeff Daniels, Paul Dano and, in a mesmerising turn, young Pierce Gagnon, all shine when required to in a superbly acted piece.

In an age of unoriginality, *Looper* stands out like a beacon, and with all the elements in place, delivers the goods. A film of substance and quality, *Looper* is one of the finest films of the year.

VERDICT – *Looper* is an example of Hollywood getting it right. Rian Johnson's originality and ingenuity makes for a mesmerising film that is only helped by excellent turns from the likes of Joseph Gordon Levitt, Bruce Willis and Emily Blunt, and cannot be lauded enough. Highly recommended.

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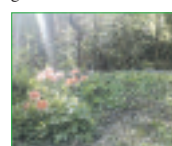
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Food festival announces 'tweaks' to car parking

PREPARATIONS for the 2012 Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival on October 27 and 28 are well under way; and festival organisers have released details about the new parking and traffic arrangements for the weekend's events.

The Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival committee have acted on feedback provided by traders, visitors, exhibitors and residents.

A spokeswoman said: "Following comments that traders would benefit if visitors could alight the park and ride buses in the centre of town, the Vale Council has approved the use of the town centre bus stops on the High Street.

"It is hoped that this development will encourage more visitors into town centre shops, particularly if traders are offering special festival events or offers."

The timetable of buses will be clearly marked and will go every half hour from each of the stops.

The Park and Ride sites remain the same: Cowbridge School if travelling from Cardiff direction or Llwynhelig Farm, just off the A48 from the Bridgend direction.

The Park and Ride system remains free of charge for all to encourage as many to use this facility as possible.

The spokeswoman continued: "The committee has also responded to feedback that the town hall car park should be freed for visitors to the town."

"This year, the front right-hand section will no longer be used for demonstration vehicles, and the Vale Council has agreed this will be used as increased designated disabled parking for the duration of the festival."

"Exhibitors will now be directed to other parking sites and if they are

found to be parking in the town hall car park, the penalty will be that they won't be invited to attend in 2013."

Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival event manager, Polly Wilson, said: "Tweaks to parking and traffic arrangements are made annually to ensure the festival runs as smoothly as possible for everyone involved."

"We are hugely grateful to the Health Centre, who are providing extra exhibitor parking sites this year, as well as the wonderful Cowbridge Cricket Club, who marshal the public parking in all weathers every year."

"A big thank you to everyone involved."

For more information on events, exhibitors and entertainment, visit www.cowbridgefoodand-drink.org

ASSAULT: Police appeal

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information following an assault on High Street in the early hours of Saturday August 4.

The incident occurred at approximately 2am, when a 28-year-old man was assaulted by an unknown male on High Street, near the junction with St Paul's Avenue and Trinity Street.

A 25-year-old female and another 28-year-old man also sustained minor injuries during the incident.

Police are looking to trace the male shown in the CCTV images in connection with the assault.

Anyone who recognises the male, or anyone with further information regarding the incident, is asked to contact Barry Police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Jam sessions

THE web design initiative Jam is encouraging community groups and charities in the Vale and Cardiff area to come along to its free website building workshop on October 11-12.

Workshops are being held in Cardiff city centre in St Mary's Street in the 'Our Digital Planet' internet station near Flares Nightclub and McDonalds from 10.30am-1.30pm.

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ORDAINED CURATES HAVE VARIED BACKGROUNDS

CURATES serving in churches at Penarth, Llantrisant and Aberavon, were ordained as priests at a packed service in Llandaff Cathedral last week.

They were Rev Dr Mark James Dimond, 44, assistant curate of All Saints Penarth, Rev Jonathan (Jon) Robert Ormrod, 49, assistant curate in the parish of Llantrisant, and Rev Benjamin (Ben) Thomas Rabjohns, 26, assistant curate in the Rectorial

Benefice of Aberavon.

They were ordained by the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, David Wilbourne. All three were ordained as deacons last year, and will continue to serve as assistant curates in their parishes.

Ben Rabjohns grew up in a vicarage where his father, Alan, served as vicar of St Saviour's Church, Roath, for more than 30 years.

Dr Mark Dimond worked as a university history lecturer in Cardiff before training for the ministry. He is married to Samantha and the couple have three school age children.

The son of a diplomat, Mark was born in Japan and has lived in many different countries, including Sweden, Czechoslovakia, France, Russia and Hungary. He has also worked as an examiner for the International Baccalaureate. His hobbies include walking and tennis.

Jonathan Ormrod is originally from Neath but worked as a stage manager for many years, including at the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Birmingham Royal Ballet. He is married with two daughters, both at university.



PICTURED (from left) Ben Rabjohns, Jon Ormrod, Bishop David Wilbourne and Mark Dimond at Llandaff Cathedral.

Penarth Computer Club news

COMPUTERS can be frustrating on occasion.

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You could read the manuals, but it is rare to find one that speaks to you at a level you could understand. There are some that purport to be written for 'Dummies', but

you still need some basic knowledge to follow them.

Then there are training courses. You might find exactly what you are looking for and even scheduled to suit your diary. However, some find them too fast, some too slow; some with the wrong emphasis.

One of the most useful things to do in that direction is to develop good habits rather than poor ones. For example, if you install programmes from the web or from magazine disks, don't do it directly.

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Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 9. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. For more information, visit the website at penarthcomputerclub.co.uk. HD



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THE future of The Six Bells village pub and restaurant was assured recently when local publicans James Barnsley and Mark Tuck became the owners.

James and Mark had run it for more than four years under a lease arrangement, but taking ownership of it was the realisation of a dream.

James said: "Over the years, the pub has had landlord after landlord, but those days are over because we are here for many years to come."

Mark said: "We'd wanted to buy The Six Bells for so long. When it came up for sale, we were really encouraged by the support of local people."

"We've integrated into Penmark and when the sale went through, there was a feeling of elation."

A party was held to celebrate James and Mark's official take-over. Villagers and regulars from the surrounding area were thrilled that in an age when the 'Great British Pub' is under threat, one of the Vale's leading pub-restaurants had had its future secured.

James said: "More than 200 people - villagers, friends and family - turned up to celebrate with us."

Mark added: "People were so pleased when we got the pub that they sent cards, flowers and even bottles of champagne!"

So why are people so enthusiastic about The Six Bells?

In short: great food and great service.



The Six Bells - picturesque and in Penmark.

James and Mark welcome everyone personally.

When The GEM visited The Six Bells, some people were about to leave, one in a wheel chair, and James quickly volunteered: "I'll be the driver," and guided the wheel chair user carefully through the doors.

People are treated as people at The Six Bells - not just as 'the next customer'.

James and Mark source much of the food locally - they have their own allotments, so the vegetables are crisp and fresh - and much of the meat is from Wales.

James stressed: "We pride ourselves on our excellent traditional dishes and the fact that the dishes are home made - our chef David Williams has been with us for four years - and he has a real talent for tempting desserts which are his speciality!"

One of the most appealing aspects of The Six Bells is that it has two traditional, black-beamed, old country bars, complemented by a light, airy, modern renovation for the dining area and the function room.

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The dining room bar - where customers can order drinks before going through to the dining room.



ABOVE:
The modern dining room area.



ABOVE:
Mark (left) and James celebrated the acquisition of the pub with 200 family members, friends and regulars.

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Family and corporate events are held in the function room with its own bar.

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Last week, James and Mark hosted groups as diverse as Rhose WI and businessmen on a visit to Wales from the Far East – all drawn by The Six Bells' reputation.

Weekend roast meals are also a big draw for people in the Vale.

James said: "Sunday lunch is very popular and we advise people to book in advance to guarantee a table."

And with the festive season not far off, staff at The Six Bells are already making preparations.

Mark pointed out: "People can come in from this week and we can supply them with a Christmas menu – or they can ring up and we'll send one out."

The sentiments of villagers and local people at news of the take-over were exemplified by Sheila Griffiths, the churchwarden of St. Mary's Church, which lies just across the road from the Six Bells Pub, who told The GEM: "Congratulations and best wishes to James and Mark from all at St. Mary's Church, Penmark, proud owners of the original 'six bells' in the village. Ring out the celebrations!"

HISTORY GROUP VIEW MEDIEVAL PAINTINGS

THE photograph (right) was taken at St Cadoc's Church, Llanfarcarn, during a recent visit by the Rhose and District History Society.

Coun Jeff James, chairman of the society, reported: "It was a most enjoyable visit to St Cadoc's to see

the medieval wall paintings, especially as more are being uncovered every year.

"I would like to thank Mr Ian Fell for a most informative presentation and for answering our questions."



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES (BARRY) (AMENDMENT) ORDER (No1) 2012

1. On the 18th September 2012 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 8th October 2012

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 8th October 2012 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE

The following Traffic Regulation Orders to be amended as follows:

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Various Locations Barry and Penarth) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2007

Delete the following paragraph from the Schedule:

Kathleen Street, Barry

On its south western side from a point approximately 77 metres north west of its junction with the north western side of Park Crescent, north westwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Barry and Penarth) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2009

Delete the following paragraph from the Schedule:

Brook Street, Barry

On its south west side from a point 52 metres north west of its junction with Holton Road for a distance of 6.6 metres north west.

Dated this 4th day of October 2012.

M. E. Punter

Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN (DIWYGIO) (1) YNGLYN Â MANNAU PARCIO I BOBL ANABL (Y BARRI) 2012

1. Ar 18 Medi 2012, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 45, 46 a 53 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r dibenion cyffredinol a nodwyd isod:

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 8 Hydref 2012

3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos y mannau dan sylw, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

4. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilyswydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod bŵer i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferfynau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 8 Hydref 2012 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

ATODLEN

Diwygier y Gorchymynion Rheoli Traffig hyn fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl) (Lleoliadau Amrywiol yn Y Barri a Phenarth) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2007

Dileer y paragraff canlynol o'r Atodlen:

Kathleen Street, Y Barri

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o fan sydd oddeutu 77 metr i'r gogledd orllewin o'i chyffordd ag ochr ogledd-orllewinol Park Crescent, am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Gorchymyn (Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl) (Y Barri a Phenarth) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2009

Dileer y paragraff canlynol o'r Atodlen:

Brook Street, Y Barri

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o fan sy'n 52 metr i'r gogledd orllewin o'i chyffordd â Holton Road am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Dyddiedig 4 Hydref 2012.

M. E. Punter

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES (BARRY) (AMENDMENT) ORDER (No2) 2012

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and pursuant to Part IV of Schedule 9 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to remove the existing disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Visible Services & Housing (Ref.IF691) in writing by 26th October 2012 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

The following Traffic Regulation Orders to be amended as follows:

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Various Locations, Barry) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2006.

In the schedule remove the following paragraph:

Pyke Street, Barry

On its south-western side from a point approximately 54 metres north-west of its junction with the north-western side of Crossways Street, north-westwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Various Locations, Vale of Glamorgan) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2006.

In the Schedule remove the following paragraph:

Maes-y-Cwm Street, Barry

On its southeastern side from a point approximately 93 metres north east of its junction with the northeastern side of Ty-Newydd Road, north-eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Dated this 4th day of October 2012.

M. E. Punter

Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN (DIWYGIO) (2) YNGLYN Â MANNAU PARCIO I BOBL ANABL (Y BARRI) 2012

1. 1. Hysbysir twy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adranau 45, 46 a 53 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), ac yn unol â Rhan IV Atodlen 9, a phob pŵer galluogi arall, yn gwneud y Gorchymyn canlynol. Diben cyffredinol y Gorchymyn fydd dileu'r mannau parcio presennol yn y lleoedd a nodwyd yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Cewch weld y cynigion yn llawn yng Nghyngor Bro Morgannwg yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa, ac os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig hwn, dylech anfon llythyr at Bennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai (Cyf. IF691) erbyn 26 Hydref 2012, gan egluro eich rhesymau am hynny.

3. Os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn, cofiwch fod gan y cyhoedd hawl o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985 i weld unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu gwneud, a bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor i ddarparu ar gyfer hynny.

ATODLEN

Diwygier y Gorchymynion Rheoli Traffig hyn fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl) (Lleoliadau Amrywiol yn Y Barri) (1) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2006.

Yn yr Atodlen, dileer y paragraff canlynol:

Pyke Street, Y Barri

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o fan sydd oddeutu 54 metr i'r gogledd orllewin o'i chyffordd ag ochr ogledd-orllewinol Crossways Street, am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Gorchymyn (Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl) (Lleoliadau Amrywiol yn Y Barri) (1) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2006.

Yn yr Atodlen, dileer y paragraff canlynol:

Maes-y-Cwm Street, Y Barri

Ar ei hochr dde-ddwyrainol o fan sydd oddeutu 93 metr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'i chyffordd ag ochr ogledd-ddwyrainol Ty Newydd Road, am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

Dyddiedig 4 Hydref 2012.

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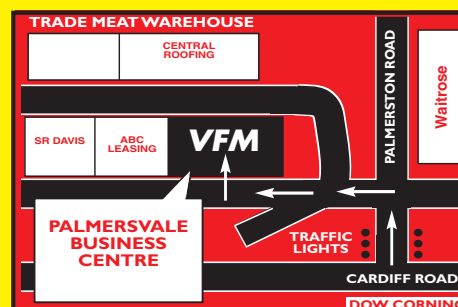


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However, it was a great family day out, with all the competitors' families enjoying a fun day. All competitors had a drink and snack, and left with a prize.

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Next came Pencoe and this game had some good phases of rugby, they were able to up their game and scored tries through team play.

Special mention must go to battering ram Couch, the speedy Escott and the pocket dynamo Fifield, who all scored twice.

This was not a one-sided game and Pencoe played their

part, scoring three tries. Final score: Pencoe 3, Atoms 6.

With conditions gradually worsening, they played their third game against host Bridgend Athletic. This was a close-fought encounter, which saw some end to end play. It was one try apiece and a draw was in the offing.

Unfortunately, some slipped tackles and a breakaway gave the game to the home side. The Atoms can hold

their heads high as today's weather was foul, but they gritted their teeth, got on with the task and made us all proud. Well done boys!

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under 14's played a hardfought game against Lisvane in appalling weather conditions and after taking the lead were pegged back by a determined Lisvane side and eventually forced a 3-3 draw.

The under-16s played Porthcawl Town in very windy conditions but in an entertaining game won by eight goals to two.

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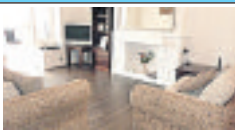
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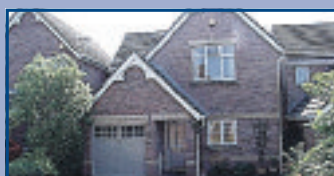
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MARSHALLSEA Gurwin
Passed away peacefully at home on 27th September 2012. Dearly beloved husband of Denny, devoted father of Nicola, Andrea and David, loved father-in-law of Martin, David and Naomi, adored grandfather of Sam, Ben, Christopher and Chelsea.
Gurwin was well known in the local area and indeed further afield as a loved and respected minister who served his community for over 31 years.
Service will be held at Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Barry on:
Tuesday 9th October at 2pm
The family would like to thank the medical and nursing staff of Marie Curie, the District Nursing Team, Velindre Hospital, the Vale of Glamorgan Social Services and G J Care who provided such wonderful care for Gurwin and tremendous support for the family.
Special and sincere thanks to Pastor Mike Holmes, the congregation of Coastlands Family Church, family, friends and neighbours who have provided both practical and emotional support over many months - this has truly been appreciated.
Our gratitude also to Arthur Thompson and staff of A G Adams & Sons for their professional and personal service to Gurwin who was a personal friend and colleague.
No flowers by request. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care - facilities to do so will be provided at the service.
A GREAT MAN HAS GONE TO BE WITH HIS GREAT GOD

BROOKMAN Mary Elizabeth
Passed away at the Princess of Wales Hospital on Tuesday 25th September.
Her funeral service will be held at Ramoth United Reformed Church on Monday October 8 at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium.
Family flowers only please, but donations may be made to Velindre Fundraising or the Dogs Trust.

JEFFERY Enid (Nin)
Bravely passed away at Llandough Hospital on September 30th, aged 84 years surrounded by her loving family. Much loved mother, grandmother, sister and auntie, will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service at Windsor Road United Reform Church at 12.15pm on Friday, October 12th, followed by service at The Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium at 1.15pm.
Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Dementia UK. Enquiries to David Brown, Park Funeral Directors Limited, 01446 421212.

Forster Brown Mark
Suddenly on September 28 at Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Mark of Llansannor, beloved husband of Patricia, dearly loved father of James, Chris and Jess, loving grandfather of Zoe, Keira, Lloyd and Millie.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffnonon. Funeral Monday October 8. Service and interment 11.30am at Llansannor Church. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Queen Elizabeth Foundation for Disabled People, c/o JW James, 11 Ffnonon Road, Rhoose CF62 3DZ.

GEORGE Megan
Passed away on the 22nd September at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Megan of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of the late Bruce. Much loved mother of Christine, Robert and John, loving Nana and great Nan. Dearly loved partner of Bill and loving sister of Keith.
Megan will be sadly missed all her family and friends.
Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major until the funeral service at 2.00pm on Monday 8th October in St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major.
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JENKINS Kath
Peacefully on 30th September 2012, Kath, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother will be sadly missed by all.
Funeral Service Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 12th October 2012 at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent to the British Heart Foundation.

THOMAS
Peacefully at home on September 27th. Joyce, loving wife of Bert, loving mother of Alana and Patricia, resting at the private funeral home of Thomas Brothers until the funeral at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, October 9th at 11am.
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RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS ENJOY WAVES IN CORNWALL DESPITE DEPLETED RANKS

OVER the course of a week at the end of August, members of Rhoose Lifeguards took part in the annual GB Surf Lifesaving Association competition, held primarily at Portreath in Cornwall.

This event brings together clubs from all over Britain, and consists of a number of separate competitions for varying age groups.

The standard of competition is always very high, and this year was no exception, with large numbers attending from local clubs based in Cornwall and Devon.

Portreath beach presents quite a challenge, with strong surf ensuring that sea events can be extremely difficult for competitors.

This year, Rhoose Lifeguards entered relatively small teams in all age groups.

However, all of those who competed performed incredibly well, giving the club very creditable final standings in each category.

This was a great finish to what was a very successful, and busy, season for Rhoose, with many highlights to look back on.

The club would like to wish the best of luck to all members of the Welsh team who are competing in the Celtic Cup at Perranporth next weekend.

Nippers

HUGE congratulations to the 11 nippers who competed in the GB champs at Portreath.

With more than 500 nippers competing, everyone did really well and the club are very proud of all their efforts at this challenging event.

Many had a high number of competitors in each age group, with the children having to do heats in each of their races. All of the children gave 100 per cent in all heats and races, with some great results.

Special congratulations are due to Evie Wong, who won gold in every individual race. Her excellent achievements earned her a mention on the GB website. Well done Evie!

The GBs brings to a close the year's nipper competitions. Once again, particular thanks go to Liz for all her time and efforts as nipper co-coordinator.

Youth

THE youth team put in a great display at Portreath, despite their depleted numbers.

With a small team of just six competitors (all girls!), and 20 teams competing, they faced a real challenge at the GBs.

However, thanks to the commitment and determination of the team, Rhoose Youth finished 14th overall, an excellent result, given that many of the teams above them boasted numerous competitors.

Well done to Tayla Edgerton, who won an individual bronze on ski, and to Kathryn Gardner and Lauren Blake, who also secured bronze in the tube rescue.

Masters and seniors

RHOOSE Masters enjoyed another very successful competition.

Following their win in the Welsh, they succeeded in finishing fifth overall in the GB competition, the highest placed of the Welsh clubs.

Their tally of 524.5 points was bolstered by medals of all colours.

Congratulations to Liz Wong, who won five individual medals, including gold for the 1km run; silver in swim, ski and ocean lady; and bronze on board.

Well done also to Heddu Davies, racing to silver in the 1km run, to Stuart Wong, who took silver in flags, and to the relay teams for their three medals.

Congratulations to the seniors, who had a long wait to finish off their competitive year.

Theirs was the final GB event and was held on September 8-9.

An 11th place finish, and a bronze medal in flags for Rhys Perry, was a fantastic achievement given that only two travelled down to Cornwall to compete.

Thanks to the coaches, helpers and parents of Rhoose Lifeguards, all of whom have worked hard to make the club successful and welcoming.

Well done everybody; you are all a credit to the club.

Nipper team: Oliver Wong, Cian Davies, Alfie Davies, Dyfan Goode, Jason Grice, Ethan Wall, Evie Wong, Kera Harris, Yasmin Davies, Lisa Grice, Georgia Wall.

Youth team: Kathryn Gardner, Lauren Blake, Tayla Edgerton, Sara Phillips, Emily Baker, Georgia Wall.

Masters team: Liz Wong, Stuart Wong, Michelle Wall, Andy Wall, Heddu Davies, Jon Foster, Simon Parker, Julie Phillips, Sue Blake, Sarah Bryant, Steve Baker.

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Sports volunteers who have gone the extra mile in the Vale have been thanked at a special reception hosted by the Vale Mayor Coun Eric Hacker.

VOLUNTEERS who are at the heart of grass-roots sport in the Vale have been thanked for their efforts at a reception hosted by the Vale Mayor.

The importance of volunteers in sport was highlighted during the summer by the 'Games Makers' who helped make the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics such a tremendous success, and Vale Mayor Coun Eric Hacker was keen to recognise the efforts of the volunteers who have made an impact locally through their involvement with the Vale District Sports Council.

The group was recently disbanded after the best part of two decades, and among those thanked were founder member Alun Rees (Barry

Huskies Basketball Club), Angela Price (Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club), Tony Smith (Penarth Petanque Club), Ian Le Breton (Penarth Rifle Club), Anne Horgan (Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club), Bethan Horgan (Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club), Leon Shakespeare (Barry Tae Kwon Do) and Heulwen Cooper (Barry Amateur Swimming Club).

Among the duties performed by the Vale District Sports Council was the organisation of the annual Vale Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

Coun Hacker said: "Grass roots sport often relies on a core of volunteers who go the extra mile for others. These individuals are among the many people in the Vale who go out of their way to run local sports clubs, and this reception was a way of saying thank you to them."

Also invited were volunteers who help run the Community Chest scheme in the Vale. Overseen by the Vale Council, with support from Sport Wales, Community Chest is a scheme that awards grants of up to £1,500 to sports clubs and organisations.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer with a local sports club, or further details about the Community Chest scheme, telephone the Vale Council's sports and play development manager, Karen Davies, on 01446 704793.

Barrivale results

Latest results from Barrivale, September 25:

1st Peter Millar & Diana Jones 63.19 per cent; 2nd Bryn Gough & Dave Reed 59.38; 3rd Huw Thomas & Celia Thomas 58.68 - Bryn & Dave won on handicap and also won the Nancy Malpas Memorial Trophy.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join telephone 01446 733425 or 01446 418380 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

MB

Golfers celebrate milestone birthday for popular member

THERE was a very good turnout of ladies in the clubhouse at Brynhill after golf on Thursday, to celebrate with wine, cake and flowers the 80th birthday of one of its popular members, Audrey Phillips.

Audrey first joined Brynhill back in 1960 and was lady captain in 1978 and again in 1991. She is renowned for playing in all weathers and is most encouraging of new members.

Her level of fitness is the envy of many. Recently, there was a backlog of team matches and with regular first and second team members unavailable, Audrey was to play for the first, second and third teams respectively on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

In the same week she also played in the 18-hole club competition on the Tuesday, and 12 holes in the Thursday league. A remarkable achievement for an octogenarian!

Celebration will continue next month with a 16-day trip to China.

Recent results

AUGUST 14 - Millennium Plate and Vets Silver Salver: Millennium Plate - Jane Phillips, 40 points; runner-up - Hilary West, 39 points. Vets Silver Salver - Hilary West, 39 points; runner-up - Pat Cogbill, 32 points.

August 21 - Daily Mail Foursomes: winners - Glynis Gould and Margaret Codd, 76.5 net.

August 28 - Waterford Crystal Vases (bronze and silver): silver winner - Linda Howlett, 30 points; bronze winner - Carole Bunford (30 points).

September 4 - Four-Ball Better Ball Trophy: winner - Jane Phillips and Glynis Gould, 40 points over back nine from Carole Allen and Lynne Bubbins.

September 11 - John Lowden Cup/Golf Foundation Broach and CVW Modal: winner - Linda Howlett, net 72; runner-up: Lynne Bubbins, net 73.



LEFT to RIGHT: Four-ball better ball winners Jane Phillips and Glynis Gould.



Double winner Linda Howlett.



80th birthday celebration for Audrey Phillips.

Forthcoming events

SEPTEMBER 27 - Thursday league lunch.

October 23 - flower arranging demonstration given by Hilary West.

November 6 - Christmas fayre at the golf club, 6pm-9pm, all welcome.

November 10 - presentation night at clubhouse, 7.30pm.

November 16 - ladies' dinner.

November 20 - ladies' AGM, clubhouse, 7.30pm.

New team member

GARETH BENNETT, whose family originate from Barry, has returned to the town to take on a major teaching role with **Duncan Prior**, the club's resident professional.

Gareth has a very impressive CV: winning the Sherborne Pro Am 2012 and qualifying for the Race to Woodbury top 50 on the West Region order of merit. He also created a huge academy at his previous golf club with more than 50 juniors.

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THE new 2012/13 season sees Rhosee FC continue its steady growth year on year.

This year the club boasts more than 15 teams and 120 players covering all age groups from year-2 to senior level.

The club's investment in its coaching staff has seen representation for Cardiff at years three, four, five and six. Players have also been selected for the Vale of Glamorgan Development squad and the Mike

Fowler Academy.

Alongside the younger players the club's senior team are having successes in the South Wales Amateur League, sitting comfortably in third place at present.

Alongside the football side of the club the social aspect has grown and is just as important. While the Olympics were on, five of the year-6 team carried out a sponsored bike ride around Rhosee covering the distance of Rhosee to the Olympic Stadium (no shorter than 250km). The lads raised more than £300 for new equipment for their team.

This year sees long-standing chairman Chris Price step down from his role within the club. The club would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for all his tireless work and efforts over the years and wishes him the best in his future projects.

New chairman Paul Humphry hopes to keep the club on the steady course as installed by Chris. All this, of course, is also down to a large team of volunteers and parents who help coach and organise events throughout the season - none showing more dedication than junior club secretary and coach Mark Bartlett, who is also finding time to forward important fixtures and news while based in Afghanistan with work.

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Draw keeps Dinas FC in the top two

GAMES between Dinas Powys and Newport YMCA are always close affairs and this was no exception with Dinas the better side in the first-half but the home side coming back strongly in the second.

Newport started the game brightly with Beckett making a strong run into the area only to see keeper Damien Lack take the ball off his toes.

The next 10 minutes were end to end with Steffan Davies having the best chance for Dinas when he met a good cross but his header was spectacularly pushed away by keeper Wesson with Joe Hinds unable to capitalise on the loose ball.

The visitors started to get a grip on the game with Richard Yarr hav-

ing his shot deflected for a corner.

Craig Dale was very doing well in midfield and had time to get forward but his effort was off target.

Twenty minutes into the game Dinas got the goal they deserved when Liam Jeremy picked up a loose ball just outside the area and shot for goal, the keeper managing to deflect the ball away but only to Chris Hinam, who made no mistake with a low shot from 10 yards.

Dinas were well in control and enjoyed the bulk of possession. They didn't look in any trouble with the home side barely creating any chances. But as the half wore on the visitors didn't drive home their advantage and instead of adding to their lead gave Newport a chance to work their way back into the game.

The second-half start-

ed with Dinas still looking comfortable.

Robbie Fowler was unable to capitalise on a slip by the otherwise reliable Wesson in the home goal, who then made amends by getting fingertips to a Joe Hinds shot.

Soon after, Hinds was just inches away from a Steffan Davies cross.

They were made to pay for the missed chances 19 minutes into the half when substitute Ben Lawrence was left unmarked at the far post to easily convert a low cross following a good run down the right touchline.

This gave the home side the confidence they were lacking and for the first time in the game they had the major share of possession, even when they were reduced to 10 men they remained on top without creating any clear-cut chances.

Five minutes from time Dinas were also reduced to 10 men when Craig Dale was dismissed for a reckless tackle.

Liam Jeremy was close to getting the winner for the visitors when substitute James Williams got past the defence on the right and put in a low cross for Jeremy, whose connection just took the ball inches wide of the far post.

The point keeps Dinas in second place in Welsh League Two and this week they have a break from league action when they take on Division One side Ton Pentre at The Murch in the Welsh Cup with a 2.30pm kick off.

Squad: Damian Lack, Steve Provis, Chris Hinam(1), Richard Yarr, Keiron Harman, Adam Raymond (c), Robbie Fowler, Craig Dale, Joe Hinds, Steffan Davies, Liam Jeremy. **Subs:** Mathew Trotman, Mike Lewis, James Williams, Nicky Bruce, Mark Dunford.

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Barry Seconds slip up but Barrians win local derby

BARRY RFC Seconds were looking to capitalise on their recent momentum following wins over Clwb Rygbi and Llandaff in this encounter against Llanishen.

It was always going to be a tough task to turn over high flying Llanishen on their own patch, and matters were not helped with strike runner Rhys Gooderham not available.

Barry began the first half in lacklustre fashion, and the home side took full advantage, scoring five unanswered tries.

The away side did improve in the second half, and rallied to score a consolation try through Josh Flynn – his first for the club.

Adam Lee added eight points with his boot but his effort was ultimately in vain.

The Second XV will return to Reservoir Fields next weekend to face Old Penarthians.

Team: Lee; Case,

Ryan, D Williams, Evans; J Williams, Corrigan; Corne, Hosking, Heard; Giddings, Rolfe (c); Jones, Thomas, McTavish.

Replacements: Jennings, O Poole, Flynn, Hewison.

BARRIANS 20 SULLY 10
FOLLOWING last week's loss, player-manager Ken Chow rung the changes.

He started by dropping himself to the bench alongside the Jenkins brothers, while bringing back Rhys Manford and Ryan Gooderham at half-back, with Elliot Evans reverting to wing.

Latvian international centre Mikus Ozols made his debut alongside Joe Chucas at wing.

The Barrians began the game at a ferocious pace, at which the visitors were struggling to keep up with.

It was no surprise when the Barrians scored the first try, Lloyd Jones profiting from a classic catch-and-drive after a line-

out, Gooderham missed the conversion.

Sully came back with renewed vigour and capitalised on their superiority in the scrum, courtesy of their heavier pack.

They starved the home side of any meaningful possession and set up camp in the Barry 22 for the rest of the half. With just minutes left before the half-time whistle, Sully finally broke down the Barrians' defence after another prolonged siege on the line to bring the scores level.

The manager made ruthless changes at half-time in an effort to shore up the creaking scrum, with Jason Thomas and Andrew Houldley the reinforcements. Instructions were also given to the forwards to generate quicker ball for scrum-half Manford, who was having a fine game, to utilise his strike runners in midfield.

It worked. With the scrum more secure after the interval, the main Sully threat was negated, it was Barry who

looked more likely.

After hooker Sam Bowditch broke the Sully line in his own half, he ran the length of the pitch, charging for the line. When he looked likely to be caught just short of the whitewash, he found support in the shape of make-shift flanker Mike Jones, who sprinted over for an unconverted score.

Manford was beginning to exert more influence on the game, colossal in attack and defence, and marshalling the backline alongside his half-back partner Gooderham.

It was the scrum-half who set up the next score, with his quick thinking and even quicker feet setting up Tony Jenkins to dash to the line following a turnover at half-way.

Jenkins in turn fed the veteran Andy Moffat, who ran in from the 22 to score his first try in four years.

Sully had little answer to Manford's guile, or the direct, strong running of the giant Ozols in midfield.

This set the Barrians up for another siege on the away line, with all 15 players on the pitch involved.

It was down to Thomas who crashed through from close range to put the game beyond the reach of the visitors.

There was still time for the former second team manager Charlie Chucas to join his son Joe on the pitch for a touching moment, and for substitute hooker Ken Chow to give away a blatant penalty for killing the ball, from which Sully scored a deserved consolation try at the death.

Team: Bailey; Evans, Davies, Ozols, J Chucas; Manford, Gooderham; Jones, Bowditch, Lundy; Hall, Fulton; M Jones, L Jones, Moffat (c).

Replacements: Houldley, Thomas, Matthews, Boffy, Chow, Rendall, N Jenkins, A Jenkins, C Chucas, Williams.

Man of the match: Manford.

KC

Barry's Sillett enjoys luck of the Irish

BARRY boy Jason Sillett, boxing out of Splott ABC, travelled with the Welsh squad to Ireland on September 29 to represent Wales in the 57kg division.

Against the Irish champion Colm Quinn, in his hardest match to date, Jason managed to overpower Quinn, scoring seven points in the final round and eventually winning the bout by 14 points to 13.

The hospitality shown by the Irish National Boxing Squad was outstanding and the Welsh fans that travelled to support the team were looked after in the traditional Irish way and would like to thank the IABA for a fantastic weekend of boxing.

CM

Under-8s welcome new season!

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Thanks to Terry Cummings of Port Painters for his generous sponsorship and thanks to the coaches, Richard Jefferies and Tony Medcalf, for their dedication and hard work!



Bees show their sting in double encounter

BARRY Bees under-10s played a double header at the weekend.

In the first match against a determined Llantwit Fardre development team, the emphasis was on maintaining shape and structure, and Barry played with great fluidity.

The tries flowed with outside half Cian Anderson running the game with a level of maturity beyond his years, going over for five, and flying winger Cole Saunders scoring four.

Issac McBride ensured that the forwards played their part as he smashed his way over, to make the final score 50-0.

Llantwit deserve credit for the way they battled to the end.

The second match against Cymru Caerdydd followed a similar pattern and Barry were again dominant in

every facet of the game; albeit Cymru Caerdydd competed vigorously.

Hooker Jacob Pereira was the star of the show as he scored four tries.

These scores were intermingled with excellent tries from scrum-half Stephen Williams and centre Spencer Williams, for a final score of 30-0.

The Bees are playing with confidence and the coaching team is full of praise for the way the boys have applied themselves so far this season.

Squad: Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Rhys Lloyd, Charlie Bale, Ethan Watkins, Stephen Williams, Cian Anderson, Spencer Williams, James Chapman, Taylor Ross-Zeal, Cole Saunders, Morgan Taylor, Robson Mallam, Joseph Nationstead.

JM

The final local petanque results

THE Welsh Petanque Association league matches have now been completed and the results are as follows:

Division 1: Monkstone Inn (44 points), Wheatheaf A (41), Penarth Pendarons (29), Wenvoe Raiders (28), Isca Romans (21), Wenvoe Dragons (18), Wenvoe Seconds (18), Barnstormers (17), Monkstone Marauders (15) and Wheatheaf Squirrels (13).

Division 2 results: Monkstone Monarchs (28 points), Caerleon

Celts (26), Creigiau Jacques (24), Penarth Predators (18), Penarth Panthers (14) and Barn Dancers (13).

Division 3 results: Monkstone Inn Seconds (43 points), Monkstone Minotaurs (21), Barn's Wallace (19), Creigiau Casuals (17), CPCC (17) and Cwms (seven).

The League Cup was won by Monkstone Inn (SHM) and the League Plate by Wenvoe Seconds.

There are still competitions taking place over the next few months. Visit the website to find out more: www.welsh-petanque.org.uk.

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